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SUBJ: MBFR: OPTION III: DEFINITION OF THE COMMON CEILING IN PHASE

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REFS: A) USNATO 5753 DTG 221716Z OCT 75, B) STATE 253349 DTG
240129Z OCT 75; C) STATE 246824 DTG 170027Z OCT 75V;

1. ON OCTOBER 24, WE INFORMED FRG DELEGATION OFFICER
(HOYNCK) THAT THE REWRITE OF THE OLD US "EITHER" VERSION OF
PARA 3 OF THE POSITION PAPER (PARA 3, REF A) WAS ACCEPTABLE TO
US, AND THAT WE COULD ACCEPT SIMPLY REFERRING TO US AND SOVIET
GROUND AND AIR MANPOWER IN THE AREA OF REDUCTIONS, PAER REF B.
HOYNCK SAID FRG HAD ONE CHANGE TO PROPOSE IN THE REWRITE OF
THE "EITHER" VERSION, I.E. AFTER THE PHRASE NOW THAT THE ALLIES
ARE OFFERING TO WHICH IS TO DELETE "COMBINE WITH" AND SUBSTITUTE
"ADD TO".

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2. HOYNCK SAID THAT SINCE THE US COULD AGREE TO THE REWRITE
OF THE "EITHER" VERSION, THE US AND FRG WERE VIRTUALLY
AGREED ON APPROPRIATE DEFINITION OF THE COMMON CEILING.
HE SAID HIS INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE MONDAY SPC MEETING ENABLED

HIM TO AGREE WITH THE SUBSTANCE OF THE ADDITIONAL US LANGUAGE IN PARA 2, REF C. HE SAID THE FRG AS YET HAS NO AMENDMENTS TO SUGGEST, BUT WILL PROBABLY WANT TO ARRANGE THE SENTENCES INTO SEPARATE TICS. HE SAID FRG WOULD WANT A TIC ESTABLISHING COLLECTIVE REDUCTION COMMITMENTS, AND THIS WULD BE A SUBSTANTIVE AREA OF DISAGREEMENT.

3. HOYNCK SAID FRG WOULD NOT WANT THE FIRST SENTENCE IN THE US TEXT (PARA 2, REF C) RE CLEAR UNDERSTANDING ON SOVIET FORCE LEVELS TO HIGHLIGHT ANY RIGHT OF SOVIET FORCES TO REMAIN IN THE NGA. MISSION OFFICER POINTED OUT THERE WAS NO SUCH IMPLICATION IN THE US LANGUAGE, NOR WAS THERE ANY SUCH IMPLICATION IN THE OBJECTIVE OF A CEILING ON SOVIET FORCES IN THE AREA, WHICH QWAS AN AGREED ALLIED GOAL.

4. HOYNCK SAID THAT FRG MIGHT EVENTUALLY WISH TO SUGGEST THAT THE DATA SOUGHT FOR US AND SOVIET FORCES, AND FOR THE AGGREAGATE LEVELS OF BOTH SIDES FOLLOWING PHASE I REDUCTIONS, BE FOR: A) GROUND FORCES; AND B) GROUND PLUS AIR. THIS WOULD AVOID HIGHLIGHTING AIR MANPOWER.

5. HOYNCK SAID THAT FRG MIGHT WISH TO PUT "CEILING" IN THE PLURAL IN THE FINAL SENTENCE OF THE US TEXT, SINCE IF AN UNDERSTANDING ON THE LEVEL OF THE CEILING PROVED FEASIBLE, FRG WOULD WANT THE UNDERSTANDING TO INCLUDE THE LEVEL OF THE GOUND FORCE CEILING.

6. ACTION REQUESTED:

A) CONFIRMATION THAT WE MAY ACCEPT FRG CHANGE IN PARA 1 ABOVE; AND
B) ANY COMMENT WASHINGTON MAY WISH TO OFFER ON POINTS IN PARAS 3-5 ABOVE. BRUCE

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